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LIBERTY LOAN DAY GRAND SUCCESS

The Third Liberty Loan Demonstration held in this place last Friday will go down in the history of the town as one of the greatest public observances ever held here. The weather was fine and the day's program was carried out without a hitch. The big parade moved promptly at 2 o'clock. Every civic and fraternal society in town was represented, nor was the marchers all men, as a large number of ladies paraded.

After the parade the "Come! room" was soon crowded to its capacity with people anxious to hear the speakers some stirring addresses were made and then Liberty Loan workers passed among the audience and took subscriptions. A total of \$50,000 being secured in this way. It was a grand occasion and we regret that space this week will not permit a more extended mention. The parade moved in the following order:

Parade Formation.

1. Marshall and Aids.
2. McKean County Volunteer Police.
3. Liberty Bell float.
4. Smethport Allied Band.
5. G. A. R. in Automobiles.
6. Mothers of Enlisted Men, in Automobiles.
7. D. A. R. in Autos.
8. Speakers, Entertainers, Boro. Officials in Autos.
9. Home Guards.
10. Red Cross.
11. Smethport Fire Dept.
12. Camp Fire Girls.
13. Fraternal Organizations.
14. Industrial Organizations, Boys Working Reserve, and General Adapted Tractor.
15. Liberty Loan Committee of McKean County of National defense.
16. Visiting Schools.
17. Borough Schools.
18. Floats.

Notable in the line of march was the big turnout of Volunteer County Police, who made their first public appearance on that day. The Boys Working Reserve deserve special mention not only for the large number but the neatness of their appearance in blue denim uniforms. The Red Cross ladies came in for a large share of praise and the Camp Fire Girls in their Indian garb attracted much notice. The various fraternal and industrial organizations were represented in goodly numbers while the Home Guard, Hose Companies, Smethport Allied Band and the various floats, with the many automobiles carrying different societies made up a pageant that will not soon be forgotten.

Court House Program.

Invocation.
America—Quartette, School and Audience.
"Keep the Home Fires Burning"
3rd Liberty Loan Quartette.
What are you going to do to help the Boys—Band, High School, Quartette and Audience.
Address—Private C. Vidler.
Song—High School.
Song—Long Loan Trail.
3rd Liberty Loan Quartette.
Address—J. A. Gleason, DuBois, Pa.
Song—High School.
Special Selections—
3rd Liberty Loan Quartette
Address—Miss Maude Conklin.
Bradford, Pa.
Star Spangled Banner—
Miss Irma Wells and Audience.
Benediction.

"EXPERIENCE"

George V. Hobart's wonderful play "Experience" which was the attraction at the Bradford theatre last week Friday and Saturday evenings and Saturday afternoon was an occasion for hundreds of Smethport people to visit that city and thoroughly enjoy the play. Leonard Doyle as Youth and Leona Hogarth Doyle as Frailty far exceeded the writers' expectations and the work of both Mr. and Mrs. Doyle can not receive too much praise. Each and every member of the company are deserving of much credit and the production of "Experience" should be seen by all.

St. Helens Class of St. Luke's Jr. Auxiliary will give the fairy cantata, "Mid-Summer Eve," at the Parish House Saturday May 4th at eight o'clock. Under the direction of Mrs. Louis Robinson and Miss M. Choate. Admission 20c, children 10c, admt.

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EARLY MORNING WEDDING.

St. Elizabeth's paragon residence was the scene of a pretty wedding Wednesday morning, May 1, 1918, at seven o'clock when Father P. J. Donohue spoke the words that joined for life in the holy bonds of matrimony Miss Rita Denning, the charming and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Denning and Francis Quirk, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Quirk all of this place.

The bride wore a blue suit. She was attended by Miss Marie O'Brien who was attired in a blue dress. Both wore hats to match their dresses and the bride wore a bouquet of white roses and the bridesmaid pink roses. The groom was attended by his brother, A. Elmer Quirk. Following the ceremony the bridal party repaired to the home of the bride's parents, where a four course wedding breakfast was served.

The newly weds left for a wedding trip which will include Buffalo, Rochester, Erie and other points of interest, and upon their return will be at home to their friends after May 15th at their home on Green street.

The bride is a well known and popular young lady, who makes many friends by her sweet disposition and has a large circle of friends who wish her a happy married life. The groom is a well known and popular young man who number his friends by the score. The MINER joins in wishing the newly married pair a successful and happy married life.

The bride received many useful and beautiful wedding presents which included cut glass, china, linen, furniture and checks.

LETTER FROM PAUL DENNING.

Sgt. Paul J. Denning, Co. D, 112th Inf., Camp Hancock, Ga., writes as follows to the MINER under recent date: Just a few lines to inform you that all the fellows are well and fit for service. We are about ready to break camp here and leave for our education on camp somewhere in the north. All is hustle and orderly confusion here now but we are practically all ready. All we need is steam to carry us back to our own part of the states for a brief respite before our journey over there. We were all agreeably surprised to find that you, W. B. Bottom, Sr., was here. He was certainly looking well and was making a visit around the camp with Major Hogan. The Smethport boys had a pleasant visit with him. As for Taylor was. I was for a few days and we were all glad to hear his. I have received the MINER regularly and read every line in it. Was sorry to hear of the accident to Mr. Quivip and hope he has recovered. What a wonderful thing is this Mothers Club. I am sure it will be a great success and it is encouraging to us to know that our mothers are back of us in everything we do, and are such firm believers in us that a fellow "just can't go wrong." Smethport has certainly done great work. My fellows watch the Red Cross notes and other work that is being done with great interest. I have recently been promoted and at present am assigned to Co. D as sergeant. I was made a corporal in the morning and a sergeant in the afternoon. It is nearing the end of the campaign. All is well in our town and we are fit and ready for service over seas.

RED CROSS FINANCE.

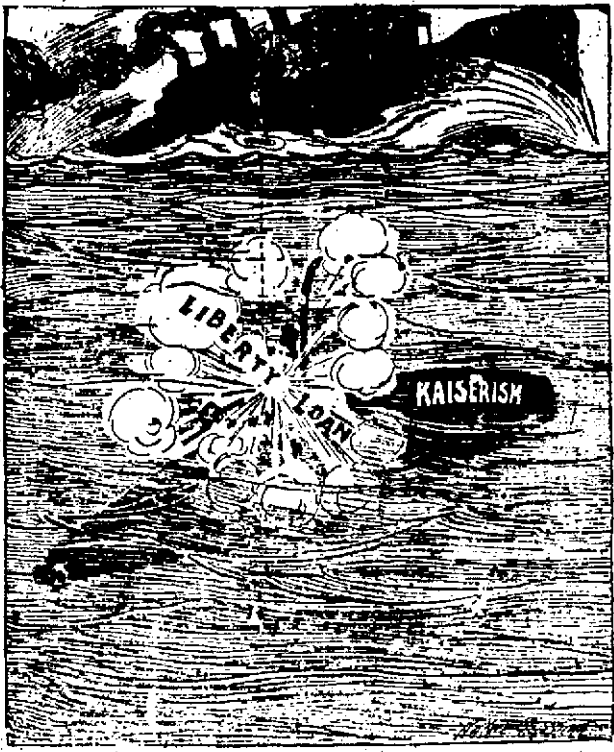
The first of next week the Finance Committee will make its monthly collection and the contributors are asked to be ready when the collector calls. It is imperative that the Finance Committee have the support of every one in Smethport for their work is most necessary to the Chapter. To this end all organizations or groups who contemplate giving entertainments or parties for Red Cross benefit should consult with Mrs. Lucy Backus chairman of the Finance Committee in order that there may be no conflicting arrangements.

Each of the six soldiers from the district of the Smethport Chapter A. R. C. who left for Camp Lee Monday were outfitted with a sweater, two pairs of socks, and a comfort kit at Red Cross Headquarters. The gift of the chapter.

Tony Rico of Clermont pinned a five dollar bill on the Red Cross Banner in the Liberty Loan parade Friday and the Ladies were very grateful to him for such a substantial tribute.

The Fry Company has an interesting change of advertisement in this issue of the MINER to which your attention is called.

Help Uncle Sam to Drop This Depth Bomb!



DEATH OF MRS. MARY McKEAN GALLUP.

The death of Mrs. Mary McKean Gallup, wife of Henry O. Gallup, one of the best beloved and most highly respected residents of this town, occurred Wednesday morning, April 24, 1918, at 11:30 o'clock at her home on Green street. The news of Mrs. Gallup's death came as a great shock to her host of friends throughout Smethport and this entire section, as her condition up until the evening before was thought to be improved.

Her death was the result of heart trouble, and came peacefully, as she had surrounded by the members of her family.

Mrs. Gallup will be sadly missed in her immediate family as well as by other relatives and friends. She was a most companionable and devoted wife and a loving, solicitous mother. The family have the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community in their sad loss.

On March 4th last Mrs. Gallup fell and broke her left leg, but appeared to be well on the road to recovery, when an attack of heart failure ended a life, beautiful and peaceful, one that can indeed be a fitting example to others.

Mary McKean was born March 28, 1850 on the Bond farm on Marvin Creek the daughter of Bernard and Bridget Graham McKean and had spent the greater part of her life in Smethport and vicinity.

Mrs. Gallup is survived by her husband, H. O. Gallup, one son, W. H. Gallup, of Crosby four brothers and one sister; T. L. McKean of Wilcox, Hon. James A. McKean and Charles McKean of Smethport, E. B. McKean and Mrs. E. O. Garlick of Marvin Creek.

Funeral services were held at St. Elizabeth's church Saturday morning at 10:30 o'clock Rev. Father P. J. Donohue, of Smethport, Rev. Father Carpenter of Clermont and Rev. Father Driscoll of Mt. Jewett officiating. The interment was in St. Elizabeth's cemetery.

In attendance at the funeral services from out of town were: T. L. McKean, Wm. Miller and Miss Ada Miller, Wilcox; A. H. Gallup, Miss Mary Wilson and Miss Margaret Daly, Kane; Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Quinn and M. M. Quinn, Olean, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bond and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Drake, Bradford; Miss Rose Allen, Eldred, Pa.

CHICKEN SUPPER.

A chicken supper will be held in the basement of the M. E. church, Friday evening, May third. Tickets 50c. Proceeds for Debt on Basement Equipment. Everybody cordially invited, admt.

James Tabor who has been seriously ill at the home of his sister, Mrs. Lellie T. Colegrove, for several weeks is improving which is pleasing news to his many friends.

LOUIS E. STERRETT COMMISSIONED LIEUTENANT.

Louis E. Sterrett, son of Mrs. David Sterrett, Washington, Pa., who has been in the service for ten months, eight months of which has been spent on French soil, has been promoted to the rank of Second Lieutenant, Engineers, National Army. He has not only made good as a soldier and engineer, but his services have met with the high approval of his officers, who recommend him for the commission. He received his commission on March 21st, and the oath was administered to him in France by one of eleven enlisted men of his regiment to receive commissions as Second Lieutenants—the first enlisted men to receive commissions in the service.

Lieutenant Sterrett attended Washington and Jefferson College and was later employed as manager of the Franklin-Washington Gas Company in Washington, Pa. Later he was employed in the head office of the Manufacturers Light and Heat Co., in Pittsburgh and subsequently served as manager of the Smethport Gas Company, Smethport, Pa. He was the first Captain of the Smethport Home Guards and his services were great help and highly appreciated.

For nine years, Lieutenant Sterrett served in Company H, Tenth Regiment, National Guards at Washington, Pa. the last three years of which service he was a Second Lieutenant.

DALY-MAYO.

The marriage of Miss Katherine Inez Daly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Daly, of Kane and Captain Kenneth Mayo, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Mayo, of this place, was solemnized at 7 o'clock Thursday evening at St. Callistus' rectory, the Rev. D. S. Sheehan performed the ceremony. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Daly, the former being a brother of the bride, immediately after the ceremony a wedding dinner was served at the home of the bride's parents, only the immediate relatives and friends being present.

Captain and Mrs. Mayo left Thursday evening for a wedding trip to eastern cities after which they will be located at Camp Meade, where Captain Mayo is stationed. Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Mayo and Guy Mayo, of Smethport, Miss Mina Brown, of Greenville; Miss Rae Mayo, of Akron, O.; Miss Katherine Mayo, of Connellyville; Mrs. B. Stadler, of Erie, and J. L. Morrison, of Smethport, were out of town guests.

Mrs. Mayo is among most popular of Kane's youngest set and Captain Mayo, before entering military service, was younger member of the McKean bar, popular and prominent in McKean County.

The first of the week Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Clark received a letter from their son, Clinton V. Clark, of Camp Hancock informing them that he had been promoted to first class private.

DEATH OF JACOB HAFNER.

Jacob Hafner one of the oldest residents of Clermont, and a man highly respected by all who knew him, passed away at the home of his brother, William Hafner at Smethport, Pa., on April 18, 1918.

Mr. Hafner was afflicted with a disease for in the early summer months. At one time it was hoped that he would receive some benefit, but in the early autumn it became evident that better medical treatment must be sought. Therefore he was taken to the Bradford Hospital, where he underwent a surgical operation for the removal of one of his toes. After which he remained at that institution for several months. Later he was removed to the home of his brother at Smethport owing to the distance of his home from medical aid.

Mr. Hafner was born in Hesse, Darmstadt, Germany, June 30, 1832. Therefore was in the 86th year of his age. He was the third child of Christopher and Elizabeth May Hafner. They came to this country landing at New York, then residing at what was then known as Flat Bush, for about four years. On June 18, 1855 they moved from that place to McKean County. He took up farming soon after reaching here and was engaged in that occupation up to the time of his illness.

He was united in marriage with Christina W. Helmman July 3rd, 1850. Had been spared another year they might have celebrated their sixtieth anniversary. This union was blessed with five children.

When the Civil War broke out he gave his valid service for his country serving with Co. E, 172, Penna. Vol. Inf. for nine months. After being honorably discharged returned to his home and family.

He was a member of McKean Post No. 347, Grand Army of the Republic and it is sad to note the diminishing ranks of that organization. Only four members were able to attend the Post's burial ceremony which was held in Smethport before the remains were taken to Clermont, namely: J. C. Cunningham, Emil Thamm, Homer M. Choate and George King.

He was a highly respected citizen taking deep interest in political affairs, serving in various offices of the Township. He was strictly honest in all his dealings with his fellowmen and was universally respected for his probity of character. He will be greatly missed throughout the surrounding neighborhood.

Besides a loving wife he leaves three sons, Adam Hafner of Creekside, Pa., Frank and John C. of Clermont, Pa. and one daughter Mrs. A. H. Kidder of Smethport, Pa. three grand-children Mrs. Ervin Hellbrun of Punxsutawney, Pa., Jake W. Hafner who is in service at San Benito, Texas and Christine Hafner, of Creekside, Pa.; two great-grand children, Russell and Mildred Hellbrun, of Punxsutawney, Pa., also two brothers, Adam of Bellview, Fla. and William of Smethport, Pa.

The remains were brought to his home, Friday morning. The funeral services were held Sunday at 2 p. m. at the Union church, Clermont, Pa. Rev. J. S. Fleming of the M. E. church of Smethport officiating assisted by the M. E. Choir of that place. The services were attended by a large concourse of relatives, friends and neighbors. The floral tributes were many and beautiful. Interment in Clermont Cemetery.

The many friends of the bereft family extend their heartfelt sympathy to them during this time of sorrow and affliction.

YOUNG MEN FOR THE FARM.

On May 13th about thirty young men from McKean County leave for a two weeks training in agriculture at State College. The training consists in the care and handling of horses; such as, harnessing, hitching, and driving of teams in various kinds of farm work and different kinds of farm implements and machines. In the dairy barn an opportunity will be given to secure experience in feeding and milking cows, mixing feeds, cleaning stables and handling silage. The use of the hoe and other such implements will be thoroughly mastered by each boy in the garden and truck patches. In addition to this some time will be spent in preparing seed beds, the transplanting of plants, and in making and applying spray materials. Every fellow will learn how to rake, shock, pitch, load and mow away hay.

All desiring farm help should write H. J. Rice, Smethport, Pa.

BOTTLE FACTORY DESTROYED BY FIRE

Early Monday morning the big plant of the Berney-Bond Glass Bottle Co. was totally destroyed by fire, the origin of which is unknown. Michael O'Brien and Ernest Brooks, the night watchmen, who were on duty at the plant say that five minutes before the flames were discovered everything was in perfect order about the tank. Mr. O'Brien on his return from another part of the factory about 4:30 found a fire raging back of the tank. He immediately telephoned in a fire call and the fire department promptly responded, but the big wooden buildings burned like tinder and it was impossible to check the flames, after the headway they had gained.

The firemen were handicapped at the start by lack of water pressure but the steamer was soon brought into service and that defect remedied. The wind was in the south and consequently blew the great mass of flames over the big vacant lot north of the plant. Had the wind blown from the west it is more than probable that several dwelling houses on Forest avenue would have been destroyed. The plant consisted of two very large frame buildings and several smaller ones, the small building used as the business office being the only one to escape the flames.

The Berney-Bond plant was one of Smethport's leading industries and its loss is a severe blow to the town. From information at hand now prospects for rebuilding the factory in Smethport are not promising.

In former years the plant had given employment to a large number of men and boys at good wages, usually running nine or ten months out of the year. During the past winter the factory was equipped with bottle blowing machines and started operations April 1st for a term of 14 weeks, which was as long as factories of this class were to be allowed to run under government regulations. The plant was in operation night and day with the exception of Saturday night and Sunday.

The loss is estimated at about \$100,000, with nearly insurance enough to cover that amount. This statement is not official but is the general report. This is one of the most disastrous fires from a business standpoint that ever visited the town and if it is not rebuilt local interests should bestir themselves with the idea of locating some sort of an industry to take its place. Another regrettable feature of the disaster is that Smethport will lose a number of families who have made this town their home for years.

DEATH OF MRS. PAULINE KING.

Mrs. Pauline Elizabeth Hamlin King died at her home on East Main street, Saturday morning, April 27, 1918, at 3:30 o'clock.

Her health had been poor for several years but she was confined to her bed only for the past few weeks. During these years she had been cared for by her daughters, Miss Eulalia King and Mrs. Orna Palmer, who had given every care loving and dutiful daughters could.

The deceased was born at Smethport, Pa., September 13th—1828 and was the youngest of four children born to Orlo J. Hamlin and Orna Cogswell Hamlin, only one surviving her, Henry Hamlin of Smethport, Pa.

On January 20th, 1858 she was united in marriage to Robert King of Guildford, Surrey, England, who came to this place when a very young man and who preceded her to the Great Beyond eleven years ago the 25th of April. To them were born five children, two who survive, Miss Eulalia King and Mrs. W. S. Palmer.

Mrs. King will be greatly missed by her neighbors and friends as well as the sorrowing relatives. She was a kind neighbor, a true friend and a loving mother.

Besides her daughter and brother she is survived by two grand-children Robert King Palmer and Harriet Pauline Palmer, and many other relatives and a host of friends.

The funeral was held at the home at two o'clock Monday afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. W. E. VanDyke, and the interment was in the family plot in Rose Hill cemetery.

The McKean County Auditors Report for the year ending January 7, 1918 will be found in this issue of the MINER.

AUDITORS' REPORT

For the Fiscal Year Ending
January 7, 1918

MCKEAN COUNTY, ss

To the Honorable Joseph W. Bouton, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of McKean County, Pennsylvania.

We, the undersigned Auditors of McKean County, Pennsylvania, would respectfully represent that in pursuance of the 47th Section of the Act of Assembly, entitled an Act relating to Counties, Townships and Cities, passed the 15th day of April 1834, met in the Court House in the Borough of Smethport, on the 7th day of January, A. D. 1918, and have audited the several accounts of the County Commissioners, Sheriff, Coroner and County Treasurer, as directed by law and that the within annexed is a true and correct statement of said accounts, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Witness our hands and seals this 26th day of April, A. D. 1918.

J. EMORY ABBOTT, (Seal)
F. A. Burdick, (Seal)
Auditors.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING
JANUARY 7th, 1918.

MCKEAN COUNTY RECEIPTS.

Dr.		
To balance Jan- ary 7th, 1918.	\$ 5006 57	
Received from		
Liquor Licen- ses	2210 00	
Fines from Sheriff	668 00	
Commonwealth	888 25	
District At- torney's Fees	170 00	
County De- tective Fees from	345 29	
Quarter Ses- sions Jury Fees	12 00	
Ball collected	800 00	
Commonwealth		
Costs from Jas. A. Lindsey	402 53	
District At- torney's Fees	58 00	
County De- tective's Fees	103 56	
Fines collected	250 00	
Quarter Ses- sions Jury Fees	4 00	
Fines from C. V. Gillis	25 00	
Fines from J. L. Ward	10 00	
Fines from E. F. Williams	25 00	
Transferred from State Fund	23481 07	
Misc. County Re- ceipts from		
County Com- missioners	9119 29	
Unseated Taxes	10072 86	
Seated Taxes Col- lected	54738 50	
Costs returned	10 86	
Dog Tax Collec- ted	405 00	
Transferred from Dog Tax	3484 16	\$112,288.56
By Paid Arthur M. Marsh	999 96	
By Paid O. S. Gahagan	1016 63	
By Paid Thomas Flaherty	1084 96	
By Paid Commis- sioner's Clerk	1000 00	
By Paid Assistant Clerks	933 75	
By Paid Commis- sioners	428 02	
By Paid District Attorney	791 50	
By Paid E. W. Jones, Sheriff	5000 00	
By Paid J. F. Rob- inson, County Detective	2564 02	
By Paid Sealer of Weights and Measures	1921 57	
By Paid County Auditors	1037 04	
By Paid State Auditor	40 00	
By Paid Janitors	1541 90	
By Paid Jury Commissioners and Clerks	452 00	
By Paid Const- ables Returns	530 00	
By Paid Prob- ation Officers	724 33	
By Paid Steno- grapher	2901 20	
By Paid Court Criers and Tip- staves	445 75	
By Paid Commu- nity Costs	3537 34	
By Paid Copying Records	972 50	
By Paid Viewers and Damages	777 80	
By Paid Reform School	2044 68	
By Paid Grand Jurors	630 88	
By Paid Petit Jurors	2152 57	
By Paid Assess- ors for Assess- ing	6029 78	
By Paid Assessors for Registering	2503 97	
By Paid Election Expenses	6379 76	
By Paid Jail Ex- penses	2916 55	
By Paid Western Penitentiary and Workhouse	3757 06	
By Paid Publish- ing and Print- ing	1897 66	
By Paid Freight, Express and Postage	722 88	
By Paid Insur- ance	603 35	
By Paid Court House Expenses	3575 50	
By Paid Coroner's Inquest	625 00	

By Paid Indigent Soldiers	2430 00
By Paid Books and Stationery	145 00
By Paid Bridge Expenses	2501 21
By Paid Water Co.	379 05
By Paid Recorder and Clerks of Courts	1053 47
By Paid Prothon- otary	259 16
By Paid Travel- ing Expenses	1365 03
By Paid Juvenile Court Expenses	5937 06
By Paid Mothers' Pension	1069 89
By Paid Law Li- brary	500 00
By Paid Super- visors' Association	29 49
By Paid Farm Bureau	750 00
By Paid Fair As- sociation	170 00
By Paid Engi- neering	263 36
By Paid Miscel- laneous	4720 61
	\$82,543.94

RECAPITULATION

Dr.		
To Balance Jan- uary 2nd, 1917.	5006 57	
Transferred from State Fund	23481 07	
Total amount of County Receipts	\$83,900 82	
Total actual Re- ceipts	112288 56	
Error on County Orders	1 18	112,289.74
By County or- ders	\$2542 76	
Errors on County Orders	1 18	\$2543 94
School Directors' Association	200 00	
County Institute	200 00	
Returned to A. J. Johnson (overpaid)	18 66	
Returned to John Bloomster	3 57	
Transferred to State Fund	4 08	
Transferred to Poor Fund	170 62	
Costs returned	2 65	
Error County Order No. 761 (1916)	50	
Treasurer's Commission	1549 45	
Balance in hands of Treasurer January 7th, 1918	27295 27	112,289.74
Receipts and Expenditures of McKean County Poor District for the year ending January 7th, 1918.		
To Balance Janu- ary 2nd, 1917	22353 55	
Miscellaneous		
Receipts from County Com- missioners	7024 83	
Unseated Taxes	12456 40	
Seated Taxes	41816 15	
Received from Sheriff (fine)	1 00	
Transferred from County Fund	170 62	\$3,532.58
By Poor Orders paid	56594 82	
Returned to A. J. Johnson (over- paid)	13 35	
Returned to John Bloomster (over- paid)	3 27	
Treasurer's Com- missions	3412 76	
Balance in hands of Treasurer January 7th, County Fund	170 62	\$3,532.58
By Account Oil Sold	644 66	
By account Hay sold	263 16	
By account Hides etc. sold	72 75	
By account cattle sold	195 00	
By account Cream sold	1771 35	
By account Pot- atoes sold	15 00	
By account Rent	85 00	
By account Nurse Hire Transferred from County	123 60	
By account War- ren State Asy- lum	201 85	
By account Feeble Minded	45 00	
By account Sher- idan Gorton, adm. Morrison care	169 00	
By account Omer Irons	21 20	
By account H. Sawyer	144 00	
By account C. M. Smith	72 00	
By account Indigent Burial	35 00	
By account Mis- cellaneous	181 84	
Total	\$4,024 83	
Outside Relief Expenditures.		
By account A. R. Anderson, clerk	275 00	
By account C. W. Shattuck Com- missioner	90 00	
By account Out- side Relief	12482 91	
By account State Asylum	8698 06	
By account Jus- tice's Fees	102 50	
By account Travel- ing Expenses	843 27	
By account Feeble Minded	279 40	
By account Dir- ectors of Poor	1,399 57	\$24,171.01
Medicines and Supplies		
By account Medi- cine and Supplies	279 35	279 35
Physician		
By account Dr. Chadwick	421 55	421 55
By account Ex- aminations In- Lunacy	105 00	105 00
Salaries and Wages		
By account C. O. Taylor	999 98	

By account Nurse Hire	620 00	
By account Cook Hire	381 00	
By account Extra Hired Help on Farm	1907 81	2,908.29
Farm Expenditures		
By account Feed Bills	1660 95	
By account Fertilizer Lime etc.	185 70	
By account incidental, viz. Lumber, Blacksmithing, etc.	2421 36	
By account Extra Expense	227 97	4,495.98
Inside Expense		
By account Provisions	3173 20	
By account Clothing	841 56	
By account Furniture	345 50	
By account Fuel and Lights	1332 58	
By account Disinfectants	511 36	6,204.19
Miscellaneous		
By account Freight, Telephone & Postage	258 18	
By account Insurance	234 50	
By account Building and Improvement	3270 67	
By account Ordinary Repairs	1845 23	
By account Paid to various Persons	10917 91	16,626.47
Annual Report of Charles O. Taylor, Superintendent of County Home and Farm, for the Year 1917.		
Number of Inmates at County Home January 1st 1917	65	
Number of Inmates Received during year 1917	31	98
Number of inmates discharged during 1917	27	
Number of inmates died during year 1917	11	
Number of inmates at County Home Jan. 1 1917	60	98
Statement Showing cost per week for Maintenance of each Inmate of the County Home for the Year, 1917.		
Dr.		
To one half Superintendent's Salary	500 00	
To one half Clerk's hire	275 00	
To one half Council Fees	80 00	
Physician County Home	431 55	
Medicines and Supplies	279 35	
Clothing	841 56	
Provisions	3173 20	
Furniture	345 50	
Postage and Express	64 30	
Ordinary Repair	459 54	
Insurance	117 25	
Fuel and Lights	1332 58	
Publishing and Printing	3 00	
Nurse Hire	620 00	
Cook Hire	381 00	
Produce Milk, Butter & Vegetables	2476 36	11,390.19
Cr.		
By Maintenance of Inmates 3256 37 weeks at \$3.46 per week	11390 19	11,390.19
Farm Report		
To half Superintendent's Salary	500 00	
To Labor on Farm	348 29	
Lime and Fertilizer	185 70	
Feed	1660 95	
Various Persons Insurance	2421 36	
100 tons hay	1500 00	
60 Tons Ensilage	300 00	
To 8 Tons Straw at \$8.00 per Ton	64 00	
500 Bu. Oats at 90c per Bu.	531 00	
34 Bu. Buckwheat at \$1.25 per bu.	52 50	
Extra Expense	227 97	11,085.27
Cr.		
By 100 Tons Hay at \$15.00 per Ton	1500 00	
By 60 Tons Ensilage at \$5.00 per ton	300 00	
By 8 Tons Straw at \$8.00 per ton	64 00	
By 500 Bu. Oats	531 00	
By 34 Bu. Buckwheat at \$1.25 per Bu.	52 50	
By 637 Bu. Potatoes at \$1.25 per Bu.	858 75	
By 2668 lbs Beef at \$1.13 per lb	346 84	
By 1517 lbs pork at \$1.20 per lb	303 40	
By 58 Fowls at \$1.15 per lb	8 70	
By 9125 qts Milk at \$.05 per qt	456 25	
By 112 doz Eggs at \$.35 per doz	39 20	
By Creamery check	1771 35	
By 442 lbs. Butter used on farm	198 69	
By Garden Produce	267 75	
By Rent	87 60	
By Cattle, Veal, etc.	267 75	
By Hay Sold	263 16	
By Oil Sold	644 08	7,957.02
Live Stock on County Farm		
5 Horses	1050 00	
1 Colt	150 00	
20 Common Cows	800 00	
5 common 2 year old Cows	205 00	
3 common yearling Cows	75 00	
2 Grade yearling Cows	50 00	
2 Grade Calves	105 00	
5 Thoroughbred Cows	750 00	

Thoroughbred Two year old.....	100 00	
Thoroughbred Yearlings.....	200 00	
Bull 5 year old.....	200 00	
Bull 2 years old.....	125 00	
Bull Calf.....	25 00	
Hogs.....	130 00	
Shoats.....	120 00	
Chickens.....	18 00	4,050.00
Arthur M. Marsh, O. S. Gahagan, and Thomas Flaherty, Commissioners of McKean County, Pennsylvania, in ac- count with said County for the year 1917.		
Arthur M. Marsh, Dr.		
To Balance Janu- ary 2, 1917 ac- count over- drawn.....	45 81	
Amount of Salary drawn for the year 1917.....	999 96	1045.57
Cr.		
By Salary for the year 1917.....	1000.00	
Balance due Coun- ty January 8, 1918.....	45 57	1045 57
O. S. Gahagan, Dr.		
To Balance January 2, 1917 account overdrawn.....	216 62	
Amount of Salary drawn for the year 1917.....	1016 63	1233 25
Cr.		
By Balance for the year 1917.....	1000 00	
Amount returned on Overdrawn Account.....	232 67	
Balance due Coun- ty January 7, 1918.....	58	1233 25
Thomas Flaherty, Dr.		
To Balance Janu- ary 2, 1917.....	16 63	
Amount of Salary drawn for the year 1917.....	1084 96	1101.59
Cr.		
By Salary for the year 1917.....	1000 00	
Balance due Coun- ty January 7, 1918	101 59	1101 59
E. W. Jones, Sheriff of McKean County, Pennsylvania, in account with said County for the year ending Janu- ary 7th, 1917.		
Dr.		
To County Or- ders.....	5000 00	
Costs paid Sheriff by Jas. A. Lind- sey, Probation Officer during the year 1917.....	818 71	
Fines collected.....	667 00	
Commonwealth costs collected by Sheriff.....	888 25	
District Attorney's Fees collected by Sheriff.....	170 00	
County Detective Fees collected by Sheriff.....	345 29	
Quarter Sessions Jury Fees Col- lected by Sher- iff.....	12 00	
Ball collected by Sheriff.....	800 00	
Balance due Sheriff January 7, 1918.....	426 40	9,127 65
Cr.		
By Balance due Sheriff January 2nd, 1917.....	468 97	
Attendance of Sheriff at Criminal Court Making State Board of Charity Report.....	60 00	
Telephone Bill for Office and Jail Fee for making Election Pro- clamation.....	10 00	
Posting Election Proclamation in Bradford City	48 00	
3c on \$667.00 Fines Collected.....	2 75	
Drawing and Sum- moning Jurors	30 15	
Boarding of Pris- oners, 6004 days at 60 per day	20 01	
Taking Prisoners to Penitentiary etc.....	274 00	
By Frank Potter, Treasurer Fines collected.....	3602 40	
By Frank Potter, Treasurer, Com- Costs collected.....	910 12	
By Paid Frank Potter, Treas- urer, Dist. Atty. Fees collected.....	667 00	
By Paid Frank Potter, Treas- urer, Co. Deet. Fees collected.....	888 25	
By Paid Frank Potter, Treas- urer, Jury Fees Col- lected.....	345 29	
By Paid Frank Potter, Treas- urer, Fees Collec- ted.....	12 00	
By Paid Frank Potter, Treas- urer, Ball collected	170 00	
Fines Costs, etc. turned over to to Sheriff by Jas. A. Lindsey, Probation Of- ficer.....	800 00	9,127.65
By Paid Frank Potter, Treas- Ball collected.....	818 71	
E. R. Sherman, Coroner of McKean County, Pennsylvania, in account with said County for the year ending January 7, 1918.		
Dr.		
To orders drawn Due Coroner for the year 1916.....	525 00	
By Mileage and Fees of Coroner	81 56	606 56
Cr.		
By Mileage and Fees of Coroner	561 13	
Balance due Jan- uary 7th, 1918.....	45 43	606 56
Frank Potter, Treasurer of McKean County, Pennsylvania, in account with said County and State of Pennsylvan- ia, in his several accounts for the year ending January 7, 1918.		

County Fund		
Dr.		
To Balance January 2, 1917	5006 57	
Received from Liquor License	2210 00	
Received from Fines Sheriff	668 00	
Received from Com. Conts. Sheriff	888 25	
Received from Dist. Atty Fees, from Sheriff	170 00	
Received from Co. Deet. Fees from Sheriff	345 29	
Received from Quar. Sess. Jury Fees from Sheriff	12 00	
Received from Bail from Sheriff	800 00	
Received from Com. Conts. from Probation Officer	402 85	
Received from Dist. Atty Fees from Probation Officer	38 00	
Received from Co. Deet. Fees from Probation Officer	103 86	
Received from Fines, from Probation Officer	250 00	
Received from Quar. Sess. Jury Fees from Probation Officer	4 00	
Received from Fines, C. V. Gillis, Justice	25 00	
Received from Fines J. L. Ward, Justice	10 00	
Received from E. F. Williams Alderman	25 00	
Transferred from State	23481 07	
Misc. Receipts from Co. Commissioners	9119 29	
Unseated Taxes collected	10072 86	
Seated Taxes Collected	54738 50	
Costs returned	10 86	
Dog Tax collected	405 00	
Transferred from Dog Fund	3484 16	112,288 56
Cr.		
By County orders paid	\$2542 76	
County Institute School Directors Association	200 00	
Returned to A. J. Johnson (overpaid)	18 66	
Returned to John Bloomster (overpaid)	3 57	
Transferred to State Fund	4 08	
By Transferred to Poor Fund	170 62	
Error County order 781-7-1916	50	
Costs returned	2 65	
Treasurer's Commissions	1549 45	
Balance in hands of Treasurer January 7 1918	27295 27	112,288 56
Poor Fund		
Dr.		
To Balance January 2nd 1917	22353 38	
To Miscellaneous Receipts from County Commissioners	7024 83	
To Unseated Taxes collected	12486 40	
Seated Taxes collected	41816 15	
Received from Sheriff (fine)	1 00	
Transferred from County Fund	170 62	\$3,552.55
By Poor orders Paid	36394 82	
Returned to A. J. Johnson (overpaid)	13 35	
Returned to John Bloomster (overpaid)	3 27	
Treasurer Commission	1412 76	
Balance in hands of Treasurer January 7th, 1918.	23828 38	\$3,552.55
State Fund		
Dr.		
To Balance January 2nd, 1917	23241 04	
Seated Taxes collected	23151 26	
Transferred from County Fund	4 08	46,396.38
Cr.		
By Transferred to County Fund	23481 07	
Returned to H. J. Rice (overpaid)	1.50	
Treasurer's Commission	491.98	
Balance in hands of Treasurer January 7, 1918	22421 83	46,396.38
Dog Fund		
Dr.		
To Balance January 2nd, 1917	4802 05	
Dog Tax collected	556 46	5,358.51
Cr.		
By Dog Orders Paid	1855 63	
Transferred to County Fund	3484 16	
Returned to A. J. Johnson (overpaid)	5 98	
Treasurer's Commission	12 54	5,358.51
Road Bond Sinking Fund.		
Dr.		
To Unseated Taxes collected	2296 92	
Seated Taxes collected	9734 42	12,031.34
Cr.		
By Treasurer's Commissions	270 71	
By Balance in hands of Treasurer January 7th, 1918.	11760 63	12,031.34
Redemption Fund		
Dr.		
To Balance January 2, 1917	4819 63	
Redemption Collected	352 59	5,202.22



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AUDITORS' REPORT

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Brewer's Licenses	
To Licenses Grant	\$30.00
By Treasurer's Commission	37.50
Paid Commonwealth	712.50
Cr.	
Commission	37.50
Paid Commonwealth	712.50

Bottling Licenses	
To Licenses Grant	\$600.00
By Treasurer's Commission	39.00
Paid Commonwealth	570.00
Cr.	
Commission	39.00
Paid Commonwealth	570.00

Billiard, Pool, etc., Licenses	
To Amount returned to Auditor General	2010.00
By Treasurer's Commission	183.85
Paid Commonwealth	1826.15
Cr.	
Commission	183.85
Paid Commonwealth	1826.15

Brokers' License	
To Amount returned to Auditor General	90.00
By Treasurer's Commission	4.50
Paid Commonwealth	85.50
Cr.	
Commission	4.50
Paid Commonwealth	85.50

Theatre, Circus, etc., Licenses	
To Amount returned to Auditor General	455.00
By Treasurer's Commission	22.75
Paid Commonwealth	432.25
Cr.	
Commission	22.75
Paid Commonwealth	432.25

Eating House Licenses	
To Amount returned to Auditor General	123.53
To Amount returned per Constable's Return	3.20
Cr.	
Commission	12.04
Paid Commonwealth	111.49

Hunters' Licenses	
To Amount returned to Auditor General	4050.00
By Paid Commonwealth	2356.92
License and Tags returned	834.00
Paid Commonwealth	319.10
Cr.	
License and Tags returned	834.00
Paid Commonwealth	319.10

Recapitulation	
Eating House Licenses	\$114.65
Retail Mercantile Licenses	6,216.57
Wholesale Mercantile Licenses	473.91
Retail Liquor Licenses	4,989.75
Wholesale Liquor Licenses	2,935.00
Brewers' Licenses	712.50
Bottling Licenses	570.00
Billiard & Pool etc. Licenses	1,826.15
Brokers' Licenses	85.50
Circuses, etc. Licenses	432.25
Eating Houses Licenses	111.49
Hunters' Licenses	2,896.90
Cr.	
Commission	19,953.22
Paid Commonwealth	11,050.00

Liquor License Fund	
To Amount of Licenses granted	11,050.00
Cr.	
By Pd to County Fund	2,210.00
Pd Bradford City	5,600.00
Pd Eldred Borough	350.00
Hamlin Township	120.00
Pd Kane Boro	1,200.00
Pd Lewisburg	369.00
Pd Sargeant Township	120.00
Pd Smethport Boro	360.00
Pd Port Allegany Boro	600.00
Pd Lafayette Twp.	120.00
Cr.	
Commission	11,050.00

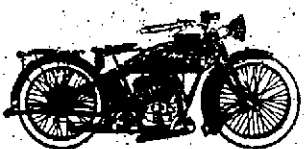
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With us our hands and seals this 28th day of April A. D. 1918.

J. EMORY ABBOTT, (Seal)
F. A. BURDICK, (Seal)

Auditors.

Amounts Disallowed and Surcharged.

To Thomas Flaherty.

County

Voucher No. 6	\$5.00
Voucher No. 44	4.58
Voucher No. 116	7.44
Voucher No. 267	15.92
Voucher No. 335	10.83
Voucher No. 349	4.31
Voucher No. 676	4.25
Voucher No. 738	13.00
Voucher No. 1095	4.00
Voucher No. 1294	4.75
Cr.	
Commission	77.12

Poor

Voucher No. 2	\$5.00
Voucher No. 42	4.30
Voucher No. 153	3.26
Voucher No. 223	6.24
Voucher No. 232	6.56
Voucher No. 352	7.60
Voucher No. 392	2.75
Voucher No. 458	2.00
Voucher No. 635	2.75
Voucher No. 792	11.00
Voucher No. 864	4.50
Cr.	
Commission	\$58.46

To A. M. Marsh

County

Voucher No. 4	\$12.00
Voucher No. 85	14.00
Voucher No. 159	10.06
Voucher No. 247	19.30
Voucher No. 286	7.18
Voucher No. 357	11.52
Voucher No. 603	9.50
Voucher No. 728	6.25
Voucher No. 774	6.00
Voucher No. 832	1.00
Voucher No. 1157	1.75
Voucher No. 1352	3.50
Cr.	
Commission	\$95.09

Poor

Voucher No. 1	\$7.25
Voucher No. 135	2.25
Voucher No. 302	2.00
Voucher No. 381	1.00
Voucher No. 492	6.50
Voucher No. 607	1.00
Voucher No. 646	3.00
Voucher No. 721	2.00
Voucher No. 773	1.25
Cr.	
Commission	\$19.72

To O. S. Gahagan

County

Voucher No. 117	\$9.00
Voucher No. 286	13.32
Cr.	
Commission	\$22.32

The expenses incident to the operation

of the Automobile, garage bills,

repairs, gasoline oil, etc., are surcharged

to the Commissioners signing the

Vouchers for the reason that in the opinion

of the Auditors the purchase of the

automobile was unnecessary and

has only resulted in additional expense

to the County. To substantiate this

attention of the taxpayers is called

to the fact that since the date of the

purchase of the automobile (May 10,

1916) it has cost the County

through December 1917, the sum of

\$3,019.37. This includes besides the

original cost of the automobile all ex-

penses incident to its operation such

as gasoline, oil, insurance, license,

garage, etc. In addition to this the

traveling expenses of the Commissioners

have averaged more per year since

the purchase of the automobile.

Attention of the taxpayers is also

called to the fact that by the Act of

June 1, 1917, P. L. 576, the salaries of

the County Commissioners, where they

act as Directors of the Poor in Counties

less than the size of McKean was increased

from \$1,000 to \$1,800. In McKean

County the Commissioners are also

Directors of the Poor and since June

1917 have been drawing their salary

under the new act. This matter has

received the attention of the Auditors

who after careful consideration are of

the opinion that this increase is given

as Directors of the Poor which is not

a constitutional but a legislative of-

fice and is not affected by the con-

stitutional provision that "no law shall

extend the term of any public officer

or increase or diminish his salary or

emolument after his election or ap-

pointment." This has been so de-

cided by some of the Common Pleas

Courts of the State and the Auditors

are therefore disposed to allow the

Directors of the Poor this increase.

The automobile maintenance items

are disallowed and surcharged to the

respective Commissioners as follows:

1917 upkeep and operating expense.

Voucher No. 57

McKean County Miner

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POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

For Congress.

Editor McKean County Miner:—Please announce that I am a candidate for Congress from the 21st district, subject to the decision of the Republican primaries on May 21, 1918.

DR. J. CURRIER, Grapian, Pa.

March 14, 1918.

For Congress.

Bradford, Pa., March 21, 1918.

The Miner: Please announce that I am a candidate for congress from the 21st district subject to the decision of the Republican primaries on May 21st, 1918.

The present hour of our national life is one which may well inspire any patriot to participation in public affairs. Momentous question of war and of peace are now under discussion and will continue to present delicate and complex problems for solution.

The constituency of the 21st congressional district, which embraces the counties of Cameron, Centre, Clearfield and McKean, will designate by popular vote its choice for the important seat in congress. We will cheerfully submit to the will of the majority.

In presenting my candidacy at this time, I declare my unqualified endorsement and assent to five fundamental matters:

1. Vigorous prosecution of the war to a successful climax.
2. The full weight of American influence for future protection against war for international arbitration and for world-wide comity of nations.
3. Protection of American industry, with justice to both capital and labor, during the war and thereafter, along the line of policies which constitutes the platform of the Republican party.
4. Prohibition amendment to the constitution.
5. The woman suffrage amendment.

Respectfully yours,

JOHN RICHELSEN.

FOR CONGRESS.

Editor McKean County Miner:—Please announce that I am a candidate for Congress from the 21st District, subject to the decision of the Republican primaries on May 21st, 1918.

EVAN J. JONES.

Bradford, Pa., April 16, 1918.

FOR ASSEMBLY.

Bradford, Pa., April 5, 1918.

McKean County Miner:

Please announce that I am a candidate for Member of Assembly subject to the decision of the Republican primaries on May 21st, 1918. If elected I will vote for and support the ratification of the National Prohibition Amendment and the Woman's Suffrage Amendment.

J. A. FITZGIBBON.

Editor McKean County Miner:

Please announce that I am a candidate for Member of Assembly from McKean County, subject to the decision of the Republican primaries on May 21st, 1918. I am in favor of Woman's Suffrage and if I am elected I will support the ratification of the National Prohibition amendment.

C. W. CATLIN.

April 22nd, 1918.

Smethport, Pa., Thursday, May 2, 1918.

It is McKean county's turn to have the district representative in Congress. Years ago when the district was formed McKean had the first representative in the person of Solomon R. Dresser of Bradford. Then Cameron had the representative, then Clearfield, and finally Center, the present Congressman, Mr. Rowland, being a resident of that county. That brings it around to McKean county again. Two very able McKean county men are candidates for the Republican nomination, Messrs. Jones and Richelsen, both of Bradford. In the person of Dr. J. Carrier of Grapian, Clearfield county, has a strong candidate. There is little question but that either one of this trio would make an admirable representative. However McKean county Republicans will be expected to show their loyalty to their home candidates. There is another candidate in the race from Clearfield county so that county's vote is divided. The decision in Cameron and Center counties will therefore have much to do in determining the winning man.

Republicans who have the welfare of their party at heart should take pains to determine their favorite candidate's standing in regard to the sterling principles of the party that has made America a power to be consulted in the affairs of the world. One candidate who is one hundred per cent. Republican is Evan J. Jones of Bradford. He has worked faithfully for the party's interests and the county committee unanimously recognized his services when it endorsed his candidacy for Member of Congress.

President Wilson's appointment of ex-President William H. Taft as a member of the Labor Commission for Mediation of Disputes between Employers and Employees engaged in war work is commendable. Although it comes rather "late in the day" it shows a belated tendency to recognize the worth of the real able men of the country.

As a candidate for the nomination of Lieutenant Governor at the May primaries State Senator Biddleman of Danphin county is attaining great popularity, and his friends claim his election is assured as he is so thoroughly the man for the place.

When members of Congress or civilians complained for months of the slowness of the administration in the absolutely vital construction of ships, the complaints were denounced as "carping criticism" and the critics were pro-German or nearly as bad. But in the middle of April, 1918, after we had been at war a year and after the shipbuilding bill had been a law 19 months, Secretary to the President Tamm said, "The carrying forward of the construction work in the 130 shipyards in operation is so bad that it requires a reinforcement of the shipbuilding organization throughout the country." It is altogether likely that the critics sometime make mistakes, but this statement of Tamm's at the end of a year of war is a complete justification of the freedom that has been exercised in the expression of public opinion. We would be asleep yet, if it had not been for the critics who prodded the administration into action.

Make your vote count at the coming primaries. Vote for men who are outspoken in their desire to maintain the prestige of the Republican party in the state and who will do their best toward restoring it in the nation. A so-called "independent" is to be looked on with suspicion. The Republican voters want REPUBLICANS in office, men who are not afraid to declare their party affiliations, and who do not place self above party. Furthermore a candidate who is not outspoken in declaring his intentions to abide by the decisions of the party primary has no right to ask your support at that primary and should not receive it. A majority of the men elected to the next General Assembly will be Republicans in reality. See that you elect a Republican governor who will work in accord with them.

Last Friday seventy-five of the 115 members of the McKean County Division, Home Defense Police of Pennsylvania responded to their first mobilization call, on a notice of less than 24 hours to appear at the Court House at Smethport. Superintendent Shamer, of Kane, instructed the men in their duties, outlining purpose in accordance with the statutes of the Commonwealth and their commissions from Governor Brumbaugh. The men are vested with authority to make arrests within the county. Later in the day the Police headed the big Liberty Day parade at the county seat. About fifty of the men, fully equipped, marched in platoons and made a very creditable appearance. These volunteer police are closely connected with factories and industries of the county and an additional safeguard against riot and disorder for the period of the war.

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From Washington we learn that friends of Speaker Champ Clark are urging him to become a candidate for the late Senator Stone's seat on the ground that thus a bitter factional contest may be averted in the Democratic party in Missouri. We are not sure that this ground is well taken. The President, for instance, can hardly refrain from applying in Missouri the "acid test" which he sought to apply in Wisconsin—and there will be Speaker Clark's opposition to the conscription law to furnish material for the reaction to the Presidential aid.

Republican voters have two admirable candidates for Assembly in Messrs. Catlin and Fitzgibbon. They are men of the right degree of practical and useful experience who should intelligently represent the county in the Legislature. Too often in the past has this county been represented by nonentities and it will indeed be refreshing to cast a ballot for a pair of men who have the ability and understanding to make them first class representatives.

The McKean county Auditor's report for the fiscal year ending January 7, 1918, appears elsewhere in to-day's paper. It will be published three successive times. This is a strict account of the business of the county and is published for the information of the people. If you are interested in your county you should read it carefully.

LARBEE

J. L. Rasmussen was in Olean, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Carpenter, who recently returned from Oklahoma, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Poudleton.

Dr. J. A. Woodard of Shinglehouse called on his cousin, Eros Carpenter, Monday.

Mrs. Elias Smith and family of Smethport spent Saturday with Mrs. W. R. Egan.

B. P. Cory of Coryville was in town Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Peterwin and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Madero of Olean arrived here Sunday and called on Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Rasmussen.

C. L. Loran, Supt. of State Highway was a business visitor in town, Tuesday.

Wm. Peake spent Wednesday in Olean.

Miss Letha Wood of Eldred was a guest of Miss Alberta Rice Tuesday night.

Miss Nina Lee Carpenter attended a birthday party given Monday evening in honor of Miss Helen Rice of Eldred.

Mrs. Nellie Walters spent a portion of her week in Smethport visiting friends.

HUTCHINS.

Dean Williams of Ridgway had business in town a few days last week.

Misses Lillian Larson and Mary Zimmerman were Bradford shoppers Friday.

Mrs. Minnie Vickory, Mrs. Ellen Burton and Marie Burton were Mt. Jewett shoppers Thursday.

Mrs. Frank McChesney of Ridgway is spending a few days in town with relatives.

Thomas Pyle, Norman McChesney and Wilson Fink attended the J. O. O. F. lodge at Hazelhurst Wednesday evening.

William Madison of Shinglehouse spent Sunday with friends in town.

Mrs. M. Barber was a Bradford visitor Monday.

Hutchins was well represented in Mt. Jewett Saturday evening, returning home sometime during the evening after taking in all the sights.

Mrs. N. E. McChesney who returned home from Ridgway a few weeks ago, where she spent some time at the hospital, was taken to the Bradford hospital Tuesday. Her many friends now hope for her speedy recovery.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Are you watching Monheimer's advertisement each week. There are good values offered at Bargain Prices.

Holmes and Gilfillan have a change of advertisement this week which will be found most interesting to all farmers and garden makers.

Your attention is called to the new advertisement of C. M. Benson, of Colebrook which appears for the first time in today's MINER. Read it.

A letter from Robert Hull recently received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hull, contains the information that the crew of the Iowa of which this young man is a member, has subscribed for \$37,500 worth of Third Liberty Loan Bonds. About 800 men have subscribed and the total is a commendable one.

The members of the I. O. O. F. lodge will attend the farewell service of Rev. J. S. Fleming at the M. E. church Sunday evening. There will be no service in the Baptist church Sunday evening as all who would attend there are requested to be present at the farewell service at the Methodist church.

All members of the Smethport Allied Band are requested to be at the Hose House Saturday morning at 9:15 o'clock to escort the following men to the Pennsylvania train as they are leaving for the training camp at Fort Thomas on that day: Jack J. Phillips, Mt. Jewett; Axel W. Nelson, Peter Joneson, Kane; Myrtle C. Stick, Kane; R. D. Carl L. Paulson, Mt. Jewett; R. D. Joe Emme, Kane; Paul Jones, East Smethport; Joseph W. Riss, Mt. Jewett; LaFrone H. Hazard, Lewis Rud; Jasper M. Atherton, Gifford; Carl E. Johnson, Mt. Jewett; Carl Iver Stenberg, Wilmore; John L. Wagner, Lewis Run; and Lyle W. Ely, Norwich.

Persons not now having poultry and who want to do their bit by raising some are requested to see Guy McCoy.

Last Sunday Game Protectors, L. K. Hogarth and Henry Hilton made six arrests and have names of others who they will prosecute for illegal fishing. The hearing will be held before Alderman Williams, in Bradford Saturday.

Through the kindness of A. D. Doyle, of Electra, Wichita County, Texas we have received a copy of the seventh anniversary oil discovery edition of The Electra News. It is an A1 news paper in every way and is full of most interesting matter in every respect.

There will be a banquet and farewell party at the Methodist Episcopal church to-morrow evening. A chicken pie supper will be served at six o'clock which will cost 50 cts. per plate. The old central district quartette composed of Rev. G. S. G. Hares of Corning, N. Y.; Rev. W. W. Robinson, of Wellsville, N. Y.; Rev. W. M. Heisler of Mt. Morris, N. Y.; and Rev. J. S. Fleming of Smethport will entertain the people with vocal music which certainly will be thoroughly enjoyed and a great treat to all who attend.

One of the most distressing accidents that has happened in Emporium for some time occurred a week ago Tuesday when Katherine Farley, aged 6 years, daughter of Mrs. Margaret Farley, was shot and killed by her six year old cousin Thomas Hayes. The children were playing up stairs at the home of their uncle, James Moran, and Thomas found a .38 Smith & Wesson revolver in an old cupboard. Child, like he told her to hold up her hands and discharged the revolver. The bullet entered Katherine's chin and lodged in the brain. The little girl lay in the arms of her uncle, James Moran, a few minutes later. The pre-arranged Lewis Rud; Jasper M. Atherton, Gifford; Carl E. Johnson, Mt. Jewett; Carl Iver Stenberg, Wilmore; John L. Wagner, Lewis Run; and Lyle W. Ely, Norwich. Clement Farley, aged 14 years, and secreted in the room.

Garth E. Ramsey of Bradford, formerly of Smethport, is surely some fisherman. His picture along with that of a mammoth string of fish appeared in the Pennsylvania Grit last Sunday.

An unusual amount of interest was attracted by the Geneva Adaptor in last Friday's big parade. A demonstration of the abilities of this tractor was made at the farm of M. S. Comes yesterday.

The members of the P. H. C. gave a dance in I. O. O. F. Hall Tuesday evening for the benefit of the Red Cross. The music was paid for by this organization and \$90 taken in which will be given to the Red Cross at once.

Because of a large amount of extra work the MINER finds it impossible this week to continue publishing the names of Liberty Loan Bond subscribers but hopes to publish the complete list next week if space will permit.

Tuesday night about 10 o'clock, two young boys attempted to enter the home of H. W. Rubin on King street. Members of the family heard them attempting to open an outside door and called out to know who was there, whereupon the youthful housebreakers took to their heels, but not before they were recognized. Mr. Rubin wishes to warn these boys that another attempt of this kind will get them into trouble.

Lawrence Bradford Peckham, aged six years, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Peckham of E. Main St., Bradford, was fatally injured shortly after 6 o'clock Monday night in front of the old Weaver livery on East Main St. when he was accidentally struck by a Buick, five passenger automobile driven by Harry F. Quinn of No. 362 East Main street. The injured boy was immediately removed to the hospital and was treated by Dr. Benninghoff, but death followed at 9:45 from concussion of the brain.

Mrs. Rose Thompson Sartwell died at her home in Port Allegany, Tuesday, April 23, 1918, following an attack of arterial sclerosis which she suffered a week previous, aged 72 years and six months. She leaves to mourn her demise, one daughter, Mrs. Grace Sartwell, Mason, of New York City, one son, Stephen M. Sartwell, and two grand-daughters, Helen and Grace Sartwell of Buffalo, N. Y., also two sisters, Mrs. C. S. King and Mrs. A. C. Coleman of Port Allegany. The funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock at the home, Rev. Ashton of the Episcopal church at Olean officiating and interment was made in the Port Allegany cemetery.

The death of Lemuel Davis, aged 78 years of Kane, occurred at his home at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon. Mr. Davis was taken suddenly ill on Sunday. Mr. Davis for many years was active in business and political circles of McKean county. He served as county commissioner in 1897-98, 1901-02, and 1905-06. He was a long and active member of the state senate during the term of Lewis Emery, Jr., in that body. Besides holding many appointive offices, he enjoyed a wide acquaintance and was highly respected. Mr. Davis is survived by three daughters, Mrs. S. D. Weaver of Bradford and Mrs. J. K. Britton and Mrs. Norman Howells of Kane; two sons, William and Dennis Davis, both of Kane. All were at the bedside when death claimed him.

Mrs. Charles F. Sloppy, of New Milford, Clearfield county, Saturday afternoon completed a 15-mile walk to reach the Clearfield bank before closing time in order to buy \$1,100 worth of Liberty bonds. When she laid down the first \$100 for a bond of that denomination she remarked that she had earned the money during the past season by trapping wild animals in the woods near her home. She has 60 traps which she visits daily and the \$100 was the money she had received from the sale of 20 skunks, 20 weasels and two minks. She received \$13 for the two mink skins. Her husband is a raiser of ginseng at his home in the mountains and the \$1,000 which he paid for his Liberty bond was the money he received for his last crop of ginseng roots. Mrs. Sloppy added that it was too bad she did not have Kaiser Bill's hide to sell with the other skunks.

PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bond of Bradford were in town Saturday.

L. L. Whettenhall is the guest of relatives and friends in this place.

Mrs. John Klein left this morning for a visit with friends and relatives in Buffalo, N. Y.

Miss Gertrude Cooper spent Sunday with her aunt, Mrs. H. D. Otto, at Farmers Valley.

L. V. Goding of Port Allegany was a Smethport visitor Friday and was a pleasant caller at this office.

Miss Margaret Sipes of Pottsville was a guest of Miss Marie Purdie from Friday until Sunday.

Horner Choate, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Choate is confined to his home on Pike street suffering with tonsillitis. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Richmond of Clarion, Pa., are guests of Mr. Richmond's mother, Mrs. Sarah Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Beers of Hazelhurst were in town Saturday to attend the funeral of Mrs. H. O. Gallup.

Mrs. W. P. Clothier of Buffalo, N. Y., is here on account of the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. Sarah Brennan.

John O'Reilly of Coraopolis, Pa., is visiting his mother, Mrs. M. O'Reilly and sisters Mrs. Margaret Barker and Mrs. Mary L. Blasett.

Mrs. John Miller and children, Elizabeth and Jack of Toronto, Canada, are guests of Mrs. Miller's mother, Mrs. Mary Hussey.

Mrs. Margaret Barker, Mrs. Mary L. Blasett, Merrill Blasett and John O'Reilly of Coraopolis, Pa., drove to Buffalo yesterday in Mrs. Barker's car.

Mrs. O. J. Hamlin was in Olean, Monday to stay with Pauline Palmer while Mrs. Palmer came home to attend the funeral of her mother, the late Mrs. Pauline King.

Mr. and Mrs. William M. Farnham made a trip to New York City the first of the week for a short visit with their son William H. Farnham, who is soon to leave for France.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Quinn of Olean, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Purdie, Miss Margaret Sipes of Pottsville, Miss Marie Purdie, Ray Quinn and P. S. Crossman were in Bradford Friday to witness "Experience" at the Bradford theater.

DEATH OF JOHN STRATTON.

The death of John Stratton occurred at his home in Farmers Valley, Friday evening, at the age of 57 years. Although his health had been poor for the past six months his case was not considered serious until the day of his death.

Mr. Stratton was born at Summit Hill, Carbon County, April 2, 1861. He came to the farm with his parents where he followed the occupation of farming and where he has since resided. For several years he served in Township and State offices. He was a straight, honest, upright citizen. He will be missed by a large circle of relatives and friends and he leaves five brothers, Joe, Alfred, Charles, Bert and Otto; and one sister Anna, who bitterly mourn the loss of their devoted brother, and only two weeks previous to his death their aged mother passed away. Monday April 22 at 1:00 o'clock p. m. funeral services were held at his home by Rev. J. S. Fleming of Smethport, Pa., Jesus Savior Pilot Me and Beautiful Angels of Zion where were the hymns sung at the services and the floral offerings were many and beautiful.

Interment was made in the family lot in Smith cemetery.

Relatives who attended the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Amster of Smethport, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Strong and son, Russell, of Girardville, Pa.

MEN WANTED.

The Ordnance Department of the Army wants Business Managers and Managers and Assistants. Expert Accountants, Mechanical Engineers, Inspectors of Explosives, Chemists, Mechanical Draftsmen are. Positions for men not in Class 1 of draft, as civil service examination. Education and experience required. Also Clerk-Bookkeepers, civil service examination in country, type writers, Men and women over 17. Full information from M. S. Geary, Enrollment Agent, or L. Richardson, Betula.

Washington requests men for immediate Overseas Tank Corps Service. Buzzer operators, Cooks, Storekeepers, Machine Gun Mechanics, Auto-engine Mechanics, Farm Tractor Drivers, Tonographers, Telephone operators, Automobile Electricians, Blacksmiths, Bench Machinists, Lathe Hands, Machine Designers, Young, vigorous men only. References must accompany application. Address Guy McCoy, Smethport, Pa., Secy Co. Public Safety Committee, for particulars.

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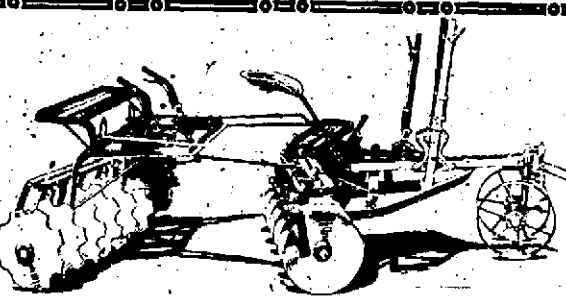
FOR WOMEN—

Knitted fabrics, 75c to \$1.25.

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Knitted fabrics 75c to 90c.

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COURT HOUSE NOTES

Marriage Licenses.

April 17—Barton D. Kent and Margie Smith both of Port Allegany.
Charles Graves Handy, Jr. of Hockley, N. Y. and Eva May Holsington of Bradford, Pa.
April 18—Lawrence P. Corbett and Kathryn Hughes both of Reynoldsville, Pa.
David Van France and Almira E. and both of East Smethport, Pa.

Deaths.

April 17—Anna B. Stover and husband to Wiley Clifford Smethport \$150.
Lester H. Simons to Bradford Sapp Company, Bradford, \$1.
John P. Beatty to H. G. Baran, et al Bradford \$100.
April 18—W. C. Crawford and wife to Charles P. Bracken, Otto, \$20.
Peter August Nelson, Adm., of to Olivia Nelson, Kane, \$100.
Axel Seanson and wife to Ernest Peterson, Hamilton, \$1200.
S. A. Peterson to Axel Swanson, Hamilton, \$1000.
George C. Beckham and wife to A. Salomon, Ceres, \$1.
Agnes E. Martin and husband to R. E. Smith, Otto, \$100.
Elizabeth M. Dana to Marion C. Camp, Bradford, \$5000.
George S. VanVleet to E. J. Nader, Bradford, \$3000.
Edna C. Kuhn and husband to Anna M. Lane, Bradford, \$2000.
Edna C. Kuhn and husband to James Wesley Benjamin, et al, Bradford, \$1000.
H. W. Tracy and wife to James W. Duggan, Bradford, \$250.
Archie E. Laraway, et al, to James W. Duggan and wife, Bradford, \$1.
Gertrude Fay to Earl C. Walcott and wife, Bradford, \$1400.
Emma J. Smith and husband to Charles A. Martin, Bradford, \$1.
April 19—L. W. Oakes and wife to George E. Brown, Bradford, \$1.
A. G. W. Newell and wife to Besse F. Hineman, Bradford, \$2175.
Lulu V. Robbins, Committee to E. M. Fogarty, Bradford, \$127.
Albert A. Pratt to Frank L. Cole and wife, Bradford, \$200.
April 20—Ellen Sharp and wife to John J. Teare, Kane, \$1.
Edward J. Elliott and wife to Margaret Pass, Kane, \$300.
Francis M. Com to M. D. Wright, Otto, \$3000.
F. J. Newton and wife to D. M. Cotton, Otto, \$1.
C. S. Morrison, Exr. of et al, to Clara Ludwig, Bradford, \$1.
A. E. Walker, Sheriff to Ray Foot, Ceres, \$355.
Ray Foot to Idella E. Black, Ceres, \$355.

E. P. Husted and wife to Frank Derich, Port Allegany, \$1350.
C. A. Holley and wife to Nora Meacham, Port Allegany, \$1000.
April 22—George Burns, et al to Elizabeth Burns, Kane, \$1.
Mary Colligan to Grace E. Emery, Bradford, \$1.
Kane Estate to Herbert Shaw, Kane, \$150.
Herbert Shaw and wife to Ferdinand D. Walke and wife, Kane, \$2150.
Alice C. Newville and husband to Willard Decker, Sergeant, \$170.
Satisfaction of Mortgage.
April 17—Mrs. M. B. Barber to Mary McNamara, Bradford, \$100.
Annie Dwyer, adm. of to William O. Neely, Bradford, \$1000.
Susan K. Loe, et al, to Lester H. Simons, Bradford, \$170.
April 18—John L. Shoop to John Baptiste Nicholas, Kane, \$200.
April 19—John Wells, to C. L. Murphy, \$1000.
J. B. Stule, Exr. to Marie M. Hall, Bradford, \$500.
April 20—Ann Ellen Gratz to Ellen Sharp and husband, Kane, \$500.
April 22—D. D. Nelson and wife to Guy M. Nelson, Liberty, \$1000.
Bradford Building Loan and Savings Association to Charles S. Morrison, Bradford, \$300.
H. P. Toner to Iva L. Hastings, Ceres, \$375.
April 23—John Fitzkubons to Charles Wile, Foster, \$1200.
Ethel Leonard to William H. McKay, Bradford, \$2500.
Assignment of Mortgage.
April 17—H. O. McLean to Jennett M. Shannon, Bradford, \$900.
April 19—Elizabeth McCallum, Exr. of to John Ley, Bradford, \$3000.
April 23—Marie D. Hopley to Ray V. Phillips et al Trustees, Bradford, \$1000.
Ray V. Phillips, Trustee to Jessie C. North, Bradford, \$1000.
PHILIP MARTIN PASSED AWAY.
Philip W. Martin died April 17, 1913 at Marydale, Pa., on the old homestead where he was born and reared and where he has always resided with his brother, Ed D. Martin since the death of his father in 1905.
Deceased is one whose life has been full of many afflictions. He was born December 5, 1870 and when but a babe of 18 months was stricken with that dreaded disease, Spinal Meningitis, which left him a deaf-mute and also subject to epileptic fits which were very detrimental to his health but with his wonderful constitution he has lived through all these years of spasmodic suffering.
Although he was stricken with these infirmities he was mentally a bright boy and was eager to learn and willing to do those things which were in his power to do and do them very accurately.
Although his life was one which has been mostly shut in from the social world in former years he seemed to enjoy life to a certain extent and took a great interest in his tasks but for the past two years his failing health

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THE McKEAN COUNTY MINER

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"SIGHT UNSEEN" TRADE IS GAMBLE

Consumer Takes Long Chance When He Buys From the Mail Order House.

GENERALLY IS LOSING GAME

Method of Doing Business Is Very Different When You Purchase Goods From Your Home Merchant.

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When you were a youngster, did you ever make a trade, "sight unseen"? Of course you did. What boy has not risked his jackknife or his choicest marble on such a proposition and how often has he repented of his rash deed when he discovered what he got in the trade? He generally found that the deal turned out to the advantage of the one who made the proposition.

There is a little of the gambling instinct in the blood of nearly every man, woman and child, but even the hardened gambler likes to get a "run for his money." The "sight unseen" proposition doesn't appeal to him in the least. There are thousands of people, however, who would be properly indignant if they were accused of being gamblers, who every day take a chance on the greatest gambling game in the world. And worse than that, they are risking their money on a "sight unseen" proposition.

When one of the thousands of "persons" who build up and keep up the great mail order houses of the country sends his money away to pay for some article that he has selected from the mail order catalogue, he is taking a chance on getting what he expects to get. The mail order house may be perfectly honest and still the purchaser stands a good chance of not getting what he expects to get. The mail order catalogues are filled with pictures that catch the eye. The descriptions are brief, as they must be when thousands of articles are to be described within the confines of one book. No matter how hard the mail order house might try to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, it would be an impossibility. The buyer is simply taking a chance.

Buying "Sight Unseen."
How much more satisfactory it is to walk into a store in your home town and ask to see an article which you may have seen advertised in your home paper. What would anyone

think of your business ability or your common sense if you walked into a store at home and said: "I saw a picture in the paper today of a suit which I liked very much. Please wrap up one for me. Here's the money." The merchant would think that you were crazy, but that is exactly what you do every time you send an order to a mail order house. You buy "sight unseen" and you haven't a ghost of a chance of getting your money back if the article is unsatisfactory when it reaches you.

How different is the proceeding when you go into the store in your own home town to buy a suit of clothes, or a stove or a yard of ribbon. You may have seen a picture of it in the merchant's advertisement in the home paper and you know that, as the merchant is reliable, you can count on the goods being as he represents them in his advertisement. But does he ask you to take his word for everything? Does he hide the article behind the counter and tell you that you can't even see it until you buy it and pay over the money for it? Hardly. If the article is not already in plain sight on the counter, the merchant produces it for your inspection. If it does not exactly suit you, he has others that are a little different and that he is glad to have you inspect.

Get Merchant's Guarantee.

Then, if it is a suit of clothes you are buying, or a piece of dress goods or a pair of socks, you may ask if the merchant will guarantee that it will wear as long as an article of that kind could be expected to wear and he will tell you either that he will guarantee it or that he will not. If he tells you that he will guarantee it you will know that you will get your money back or another suit or another pair of socks in its place if it doesn't wear like it should. For the merchant, besides being an honest man in most cases, cannot afford not to make his word good. He is dependent upon your business and that of others in his own community and he cannot afford to misrepresent his goods.

After having all this opportunity to see what you are buying, you take your suit or your stove or whatever it is you buy home or it is sent home for you without any delivery charges, and after you get home and take another look at it and decide you don't want it after all, you send it back.

You are not buying something "sight unseen" when you buy from your home merchant. You don't look at a picture of an article in a newspaper, read a short description of it, go to the post office and buy a money order and send it to the merchant with the instructions, "Send me a suit of clothes"—or a stove or whatever it may be—and I'll pay your delivery man 50 cents for delivering it to me."

There's a world of difference in the two methods of doing business and it's not hard to figure out which is the best for the man who is doing the buying.

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Ladies, Misses, Children.

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All Furniture Looks Alike in a photo. Never buy furniture from a picture. Get our prices and terms on your furniture we stand back of every thing we sell. Our prices will make you a home buyer. H. H. Sasse.

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You will find our large assortment of Hardware, tools and farm implements of all kinds can be bought at prices that will beat any catalogue house. We are boosters for Home Trade buy at home it will pay us all. Chas. W. Messer.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

List of letters remaining in the post office at Smethport, Pa., for the week ending April 25, 1913:
Burn, J.
McFall, Mrs. W. D.
Orin, Mrs. Lillian.
Tiger, A. D.
Wilhofer, Mrs. Maria.
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The funeral was held at the home Saturday, April 20 at 11 a. m. Rev. A. S. M. Hopkins of Erie, Pa., officiating and the body was laid at rest in the Clermont cemetery amid beautiful floral offerings.

The funeral was largely attended by relatives and friends from Smethport, Clermont, and Hazelhurst and also Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Stearns of Coudersport, Pa. and Mr. Adam Harker of Sagamore, Pa. were present.

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CHAPTER XXII.

Punishments and Machine-Gun Stunts. Soon after my arrival in France, in fact, from my enlistment, I had found that in the British army discipline is very strict. One has to be very careful in order to stay on the narrow path of government virtue.

There are about seven million ways of breaking the king's regulations; to keep one you have to break another.

The worst punishment is death by a firing squad, or "up against the wall," as Tommy calls it.

This is for desertion, cowardice, mutiny, giving information to the enemy, looting, rape, robbing the dead, forcing a safeguard, striking a superior, etc.

Then comes the punishment of sixty-four days in the front-line trench without relief. During this time you have to engage in all raids, working parties, in No Man's Land, and every hazardous undertaking that comes along. If you live through the sixty-four days you are indeed lucky.

This punishment is awarded where there is a doubt as to the willful guilt of a man who has committed an offence punishable by death.

Then comes the famous field punishment No. 1. Tommy has nicknamed it "crucifixion." It means that a man is spread-eagled on a timber wheel two hours a day for twenty-one days. During this time he only gets water, holly beef and biscuits for his chow. You get "crucified" for repeated minor offences.

Next in order is field punishment No. 2.

This is confinement in the "clink," without blankets, getting water, holly beef and biscuits for rations and doing all the dirty work that can be found. This may be for twenty-four hours or twenty days, according to the gravity of the offense.

Then comes "pack drill" or defaulters' parade. This consists of drilling mostly at the double, for two hours with full equipment. Tommy hates this, because it is hard work. Some times he gets his pack with straw to lighten it, and sometimes he gets caught. If he gets caught, he groans at everything in general for twenty-one days, from the vantage point of a timber wheel.

Next comes "C. B." meaning "confined to barracks." This consists of staying in billets or barracks for twenty-four hours to seven days. You also get an occasional defaulters' parade and dirty jobs around the quarters.

The sergeant major keeps what is known as the crime sheet. When a man commits an offense, he is "grinned," that is, his name, number and offense is entered on the crime sheet. Next day at 9 a. m. he goes to the "orderly room" before the captain who either punishes him with "C. B." or sends him before the O. C. (officer commanding battalion). The captain of the company can only award "C. B." Tommy many a time has thanked the king for making that provision in his regulations.

To gain the title of a "smart soldier," Tommy has to keep clear of the crime sheet, and you have to be dished smart to do it.

I have been on it a few times, mostly for "Yankee impudence." During our stay of two weeks in rest billets our captain put us through a course of machine-gun drills, trying out new stunts and theories.

After parades were over, our guns crews got together and also tried out some theories of their own in reference to handling guns. These courses had nothing to do with the advancement of the war, consisted mostly of causing tricky jams in the gun, and then the rest of the crew would endeavor to locate as quickly as possible the cause of the stoppage. This amused them for a few days and then things came to a standstill.

One of the boys on my gun claimed that he could play a tune while the gun was actually firing, and demonstrated this fact one day on the target range. We were very enthusiastic and decided to become musicians.

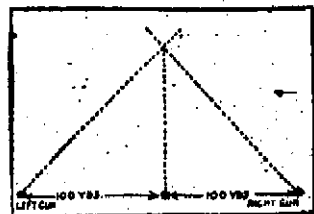
After constant practice I became quite expert in the tune entitled "All Conductors Have Big Feet."

When I had mastered this tune, our two weeks' rest came to an end, and once again we went up the line and took over the sector in front of G-wood.

At this point the German trenches ran around the base of a hill, on the top of which was a dense wood. This wood was festooned with machine guns, which used to traverse our lines at will, and sweep the streets of a little village, where we were billeted while in reserve.

There was one gun in particular which used to get our points, it had the exact range of our "elephant" dugout entrance, and every morning about the time rations were being brought up, its bullets would knock up the dust on the road; more than one Tommy went West or to Blighty by running into them.

three feet or less in front of the gun he



Showing How Fritz is Fooled.

drives two stakes into the ground, about five feet apart. Across these stakes he stretches a curtain made out of empty sandbags ripped open. He soaks this curtain in water and fires through it. The water prevents it catching fire and effectively screens the face of the firing gun from the enemy.

Sound is a valuable asset in locating a machine gun, but Tommy surmounts this obstacle by placing two machine guns about one hundred to one hundred and fifty yards apart. The gun on the right to cover with its fire the sector of the left gun and the gun on the left to cover that of the right gun. This makes their fire cross; they are fired simultaneously.

By this method it sounds like one gun firing and gives the Germans the impression that the gun is firing from a point midway between the guns which are actually firing, and they accordingly shell that particular spot. The machine gunners chuckle and say, "Fritz is a brainy boy, not 'alt he alit'."

But the man in our lines at the spot being shelled curse Fritz for his ignorance and pass a few part remarks down the line in reference to the machine gunners being "andy" and afraid to face their medicine.

CHAPTER XXIII.

Gas Attacks and Spies.

Three days after we had silenced Fritz, the Germans sent over gas. It did not catch us unawares, because the wind had been made to order, that is, it was blowing from the German trenches toward ours, at the rate of about five miles per hour.

Warnings had been passed down the trench to keep a sharp lookout for gas. We had a new man at the periscope on this afternoon in question. I was sitting on the fire step, cleaning my rifle, when he called out to me:

"There's a sort of greenish, yellow cloud rolling along the ground out in front. It's coming."

But I waited for no more, grabbing my bayonet, which was detached from the rifle, I gave the alarm by banging an empty shell case, which was hanging near the periscope. At the same instant, gongs started ringing down the trench, the signal for Tommy to don his respirator, or smoke helmet, as we call it.

Gas travels quickly, so you must not lose any time; you generally have about eighteen or twenty seconds in which to adjust your gas helmet.

A gas helmet is made of cloth, treated with chemicals. There are two windows, or glass eyes, in it, through which you can see. Inside there is a rubber-covered tube, which goes in the mouth. You breathe through your nose; the gas, passing through the cloth helmet, is neutralized by the action of the chemicals. The foul air is exhaled through the tube in the mouth, this tube being so constructed that it prevents the inhaling of the outside air of gas. One helmet is good for five hours of the strongest gas. Each Tommy carries two of them slung around his shoulder in a waterproof canvas bag. He must wear this bag at all times, even while sleeping. To change a defective helmet, you take out the new one, hold your breath, pull the old one off, placing the new one over your head, tucking in the loose ends under the collar of your tunic.

For a minute, pandemonium reigned in our trench—Tommyes adjusting their helmets, bombers running here and there, and men turning out of the dugouts with fixed bayonets, to man the fire step.

Re-enforcements were pouring out of the communication trenches. Our gun crew were busy mounting the machine gun on the parapet and bringing up extra ammunition from the dugout.

German gas is heavier than air and soon fills the trenches and dugouts, where it has been known to lurk for two or three days, until the air is purified by means of large chemical sprayers.

We had to work quickly, as Fritz, generally follows the gas with an infantry attack.

A company man on our right was too slow in getting on his helmet; he sank to the ground, clutching at his throat, and after a few spasmodic twitches went West (died). It was horrible to see him die, but we were powerless to help him. In the corner of a traverse, a little muddy cur dog, one of the company's pets, was lying dead, with his paws over his nose.

It's the animals that suffer the most—the horses, mules, cattle, dogs, cats and rats—they having no helmets to save them. Tommy does not sympathize with rats in a gas attack.

At times gas has been known to travel, with dire results, fifteen miles behind the lines.

A gas, or smoke helmet, as it is called, at the best is a ylem-smelling thing, and it is not long before one gets a violent headache from wearing it.

Our eighteen-pounders were bursting in No Man's Land, in an effort, by the artillery, to disperse the gas clouds.

The fire step was lined with crouching men, bayonets fixed, and bombs

near at hand to repel the expected attack.

Our artillery had put a barrage of curtain fire on the German lines, to try and break up their attack and keep back re-enforcements.

I trained my machine gun on their trench and its bullets were raking the parapet.

Then over they came, bayonets glistening. In their respirators, which have a large amount in front, they looked like some horrible nightmare.

All along our trench, rifles and machine guns spoke, our shrapnel was bursting over their heads. They went down in heaps, but few ones took the places of the fallen. Nothing could stop that mad rush. The Germans reached our barbed wire, which had previously been demolished by their shells, then it was bomb against bomb, and the devil for all.

Suddenly my head seemed to burst from a loud "crack" in my ear. Then my head began to swim, throat got dry, and a heavy pressure on the lungs warned me that my helmet was leaking.

Turning by gun over to No. 2, I changed helmets.

The trench started to wind like a snake, and sandbags appeared to be floating in the air. The noise was horrible; I sank onto the fire step, needles seemed to be pricking my flesh, then blackness.

I was awakened by one of my mates removing my smoke helmet. How delicious that cool, fresh air felt in my lungs.

A strong wind had arisen and dispersed the gas.

They told me that I had been "out" for three hours; they thought I was dead.

The attack had been repulsed after a hard fight. Twice the Germans had gained a foothold in our trench, but had been driven out by counter-attacks. The trench was filled with their dead and ours. Through a periscope I counted eighteen dead Germans in our wire; they were a ghastly sight in their horrible-looking respirators.

I examined my first smoke helmet. A bullet had gone through it, on the left side, just grazing my ear. The gas had penetrated through the hole made in the cloth.

Out of our crew of six we lost two killed and two wounded.

That night we buried all of the dead, excepting those in No Man's Land. In death there is not much distinction; friend and foe are treated alike.

After the wind had dispersed the gas the R. A. M. C. got busy with their chemical sprayers, spraying out the dugouts and in parts of the trenches to dissipate any fumes of the German gas which may have been lurking in same.

Two days after the gas attack I was sent to division headquarters. In answer to an order requesting that captains of units should detail a man whom they thought capable of passing an examination for the divisional intelligence department.

Before leaving for this assignment I went along the front-line trench saying goodbye to my mates and bidding them to tell them that I had



A Gas Helmet.

clicked a cushy job behind the lines, and how sorry I felt that they had to stay in the front line and argue out the war with Fritz. They were envious but still good-natured, and as I left the trench to go to the rear they shouted after me:

"Good luck, Yank, old boy, don't forget to send up a few fags to your old mates."

I promised to do this and left. I reported at headquarters with sixteen others and passed the required examination. Out of the sixteen applicants four were selected.

I was highly elated because I was, I thought, in for a cushy job back at the base.

The next morning the four reported to division headquarters for instructions. Two of the men were sent to large towns in the rear of the lines with an easy job. When I came our turn the officer told us we were good men and had passed a very creditable examination.

My tin hat began to get too small for me, and I noted that the other man, Atwell by name, was sucking his chest out more than usual.

The officer continued: "I think I can use you two men to great advantage in the front line. Here are your orders and instructions, also the pass which gives you full authority as special M. P. detailed on intelligence work. Report at the front line according to your instructions. It is risky work and I wish you both the best of luck."

My heart dropped to zero and Atwell's face was a study. We saluted and left.

That wishing us the "best of luck" sounded very ominous in our ears; if he had said "I wish you both a swift

and painless death" it would have been more to the point.

When we had read our instructions we knew we were in for it good and plenty.

What Atwell said is not fit for publication, but I strongly seconded his opinion of the war, army and divisional headquarters in general.

After a bit our spirits rose. We were full-dressed spy-catchers, because our instructions and orders, said so.

We immediately reported to the nearest French estaminet and had several glasses of muddy water, which they called beer. After drinking our beer we left the estaminet and hailed an empty ambulance.

After showing the driver our passes we got in. The driver was going to the part of the line where we had to report.

How the wounded ever survived a ride in that ambulance was inexplicable to me. It was worse than riding on a gun carriage over a rock road.

The driver of the ambulance was a corporal of the R. A. M. C. and he had the "wind up," that is, he had an aversion to being under fire.

I was riding on the seat with him while Atwell was sitting in the ambulance, with his legs hanging out of the back.

As we passed through a shell-decayed village a mounted military policeman stopped us and informed the driver to be very careful when we got out on the open road, as it was very dangerous, because the Germans lately had acquired the habit of shelling it.

The corporal asked the trooper if there was any other way around, and was informed that there was not. Upon this he got very nervous and wanted to turn back, but we insisted that he proceed and explained to him that he would get into serious trouble with his commanding officer if he returned without orders; we wanted to ride, not walk.

From his conversation we learned that he had recently come from England with a draft and had never been under fire, hence his nervousness.

We convinced him that there was not much danger, and he appeared greatly relieved.

When we at last turned into the open road we were not so confident. On each side there had been a line of trees, but now, all that was left of them were torn and battered stumps. The fields on each side of the road were dotted with recent shell holes, and we passed several to the road itself. We had gone about half a mile when a shell came whistling through the air and burst in a field about three hundred yards to our right. Another soon followed this one and burst on the edge of the road about four hundred yards in front of us.

I told the driver to throw in his speed clutch, as we must be in sight of the Germans. I knew the signs; that battery was ranging for us, and the quicker we got out of its zone of fire the better. The driver was trembling like a leaf, and every minute I expected him to pile us up in the ditch. I preferred the German fire.

In the duck Atwell was holding onto the straps for dear life, and was slung at the top of his voice:

"We beat you at the Marne, We beat you at the Aisne, We have you here at Neuve Chapelle."

And here we are again. Just then we hit a small shell hole and nearly capsized. Upon a loud yell from the rear I looked behind, and there was Atwell sitting in the middle of the road, shaking his fist at us. His equipment, which he had taken on upon getting into the ambulance, was swung out on the ground, and his rifle was in the ditch.

I shouted to the driver to stop, and in his nervousness he put on the brakes. We nearly pitched out head-first. But the applying of those brakes saved our lives. The next instant there was a blinding flash and a deafening report. All that I remember is that I was flying through the air, and wondering if I would land in a soft spot. Then the lights went out.

When I came to, Atwell was pouring water on my head out of his bottle. On the other side of the road the corporal was sitting, rubbing a lump on his forehead with his left hand, while his right arm was bound up in a blood-soaked bandage. He was moaning very loudly. I had an awful headache and the skin on the left side of my face was full of gravel and the blood was trickling from my nose.

But that ambulance was turned over in the ditch and was perforated with holes from fragments of the shell. One of the front wheels was slowly revolving, so I could not have been "out" for a long period.

The shells were still screaming overhead, but the battery had raised its fire and they were bursting in a little wood about half a mile from us.

Atwell spoke up: "I wish that officer hadn't wished us the best of luck." Then he commenced swearing. I couldn't help laughing, though my head was nigh to bursting.

Slowly rising to my feet I felt myself all over to make sure that there were no broken bones. But outside of a few bruises and scratches I was all right. The corporal was still moaning, but more from shock than pain. A shell splitter had gone through the flesh of his right forearm. Atwell and I, from our first-aid pouches, put a tourniquet on his arm to stop the bleeding and then gathered up our equipment.

We realized that we were in a dangerous spot. At any minute a shell might drop on the road and finish us off. The village we had left was not very far, so we told the corporal he had better go back to it and get his arm dressed, and then report the fact of the destruction of the ambulance to the military police. He was well able to walk, so he set off in the direction

of the village, while Atwell and I continued our way on foot.

Without further mishap we arrived at our destination, and reported to brigade headquarters for rations and billets.

That night we slept in the battalion sergeant major's dugout. The next morning I went to a first-aid post and had the gravel picked out of my face.

The instructions we received from division headquarters read that we were out to catch spies, patrol trenches, search German dead, reconnoiter in No Man's Land, and take part in trench raids and prevent the robbing of the dead.

I had a pass which would allow me to go anywhere at any time in the sector of the line held by our division. It gave me authority to stop and search ambulances, motor lorries, wagons, and even officers and soldiers, whenever my suspicions deemed it necessary. Atwell and I were allowed to work together or singly—it was left to our judgment. We decided to team up.

Atwell was a good companion and very entertaining. He had an utter contempt for danger, but was not foolhardy. At swearing he was a wonder. A cavalry regiment would have been proud of him. Though born in England, he had spent several years in New York. He was about six feet one, and as strong as an ox.

We took up our quarters in a large dugout of the royal engineers, and mapped out our future actions. This dugout was on the edge of a large cemetery, and several times at night in returning to it, we got many a fall stumbling over the graves of English, French and Germans. Atwell on these occasions never indulged in swearing, though at any other time, at the least stumble, he would turn the air blue.

A certain section of our trenches was held by the Royal Irish rifles. For several days a very strong rumor went the rounds that a German spy was in our midst. This spy was supposed to be dressed in the uniform of a British staff officer. Several stories had been told about an officer wearing a red band around his cap, who patrolled the front-line and communication trenches asking suspicious questions as to location of batteries, machine-gun emplacements, and trench mortars. If a shell dropped in a battery, on a machine gun or even near a dugout, this spy was blamed.

The rumor gained such strength that an order was issued for all troops to immediately place under arrest anyone answering to the description of the spy.

Atwell and I were on the qui vive. We constantly patrolled the trenches at night, and even in the day, but the spy always eluded us.

One day while in a communication trench, we were horrified to see our brigadier general, Old Pepper, being brought down by a big private of the Royal Irish rifles. The general was walking in front, and the private with fixed bayonet was following in the rear.

We saluted the general passed us. The Irishman had a broad grin on his face and we could scarcely believe our eyes—the general was under arrest. After passing a few feet beyond us, the general turned, and said in a wrathful voice to Atwell:

"Told this d—n fool who I am. He's arrested me as a spy."

Atwell was speechless. The sentry butted in with:

"None of that gassin' out-o' you. Back to headquarters, you goes, Mr. Fritz. Open that face o' yours again, an' I'll denounce you rupper with the butt o' me rifle."

The general's face was a sight to behold. He was fairly boiling over with rage, but he shut up.

Atwell tried to get in front of the sentry to explain to him that it really was the general he had under arrest, but the sentry threatened to run his bayonet through him, and would have done it, too. So Atwell stepped aside and remained silent. I was nearly bursting with suppressed laughter. One word, and I would have exploded. It is not exactly diplomatic to laugh at your general in such a predicament.

The sentry and his prisoner arrived at brigade headquarters with disastrous results to the sentry.

The joke was that the general had personally issued the order for the spy's arrest. It was a habit of the general to walk through the trenches, or rounds of inspection, unattended by any of his staff. The Irishman, being new in the regiment, had never seen the general before, so when he came across him alone in a communication trench, he promptly put him under arrest. Brigadier generals wear a red band around their caps.

Next day we passed the Irishman tied to the wheel of a limber, the beginning of his sentence of twenty-one days, field punishment No. 1. Never before have I seen such a woebegone expression on a man's face.

For several days, Atwell and I made ourselves scarce around brigade headquarters. We did not want to meet the general.

The spy was never caught.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Darnmore of Erie spent Sunday in Clermont with Harry Flickinger.

Mrs. Carmine Valentine of Eriton spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. Rizzo of this town.

Mrs. James Creighton and son were Smethport callers Tuesday.

Mrs. Oscar Sillies who was formerly Miss Agnes Larson of Hutchins has joined her husband, Oscar Sillies, who is station agent on the P. S. & N. Railroad they are to occupy the house recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hennehoff.

Mrs. J. J. Allison and son Pierre were Smethport callers Wednesday.

Frank Valentine of Johnsonburg spent several days in town with friends.

W. E. Ringrose was in New York on business for several days returned on Saturday.

John Fahey was in Ridgway Tuesday.

Marion Bloomster and Dan Bloomster of Bloomster Hollow autoed to town on Thursday evening.

Mrs. Homer Perry and son spent several days in St. Marys with her parents.

Leslie, Primerano and son Sam of Johnsonburg were in town for several days.

Tony Spadafora autoed to Port Allegany on Thursday evening.

Tony Minnoch spent a couple days in Johnsonburg; last week returned home Saturday.

Mary Keating and Rose Ford were in Bradford for a couple days of last week.

Peter Hennehoff of Bradford autoed to Clermont on Saturday afternoon.

Ethel LeBar was a Marvendale caller Saturday.

A good many of our people attended the Patriotic meeting in the Court house at Smethport.

Margaret Birmingham left for Ridgway on Thursday where she intends to stay for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Grano of Eriton were in town for a few days last week.

Spring is here and with it the perfume of looks and the people that are treating themselves so freely.

Good many of our young people of Clermont attended the farewell party that was given for Fred Bloomster at his home in Bloomster Hollow on Saturday evening.

Vern Swanson, Robert Perry and Grant Scarless attended the dance at Crosby on Friday evening. All reported a good time.

The young people of the town gave Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Sillies a "Marriage Serraglio" and from the treatment received were not very ashamed.

COLEGROVE.

Mr. W. H. Edmunds was a host of Mrs. C. A. Angerson Monday afternoon and evening.

Laurel Benson is an Olean visitor. Let everyone remember the Epworth League Convention at Crosby Monday afternoon and evening, May 6th.

A fine program is being arranged and everyone is cordially invited to enjoy the various numbers. Nearby towns will be represented and the young people are looking forward to a splendid meeting. Out of town speakers will be present and your time will be well spent if you plan to spend the most of Monday at the church. The evening session will be held at the O. R. M. Hall at 7:30.

Mrs. Edna Anderson was the guest of Mrs. Floyd Marsh Monday evening. Colegrove attended the Patriotic Program at Smethport Friday afternoon. Everyone who could get there was there with the cash for Liberty Bonds.

A large number of Colegrove people enjoyed Dr. Ittergan's fine talk at Crosby last Thursday evening.

Mrs. Elvin Burlingame and daughter, Florence, were guests of Miss Edna Anderson Saturday.

A fine example of the spirit of those who have come to America for a new home was shown in Crosby during the past few weeks when the Austrians and others enjoyed there invested a couple thousand dollars in War Savings Stamps. They appreciate the advantages obtained from Uncle Sam whether some Americans do or not.

Word has been received that Abbie J. Anderson, of Camp Upton, is in the hospital at Hoboken, N. J., but is getting along nicely at the present time. Mr. Anderson hopes soon to be doing his bit over there in spite of this delay.

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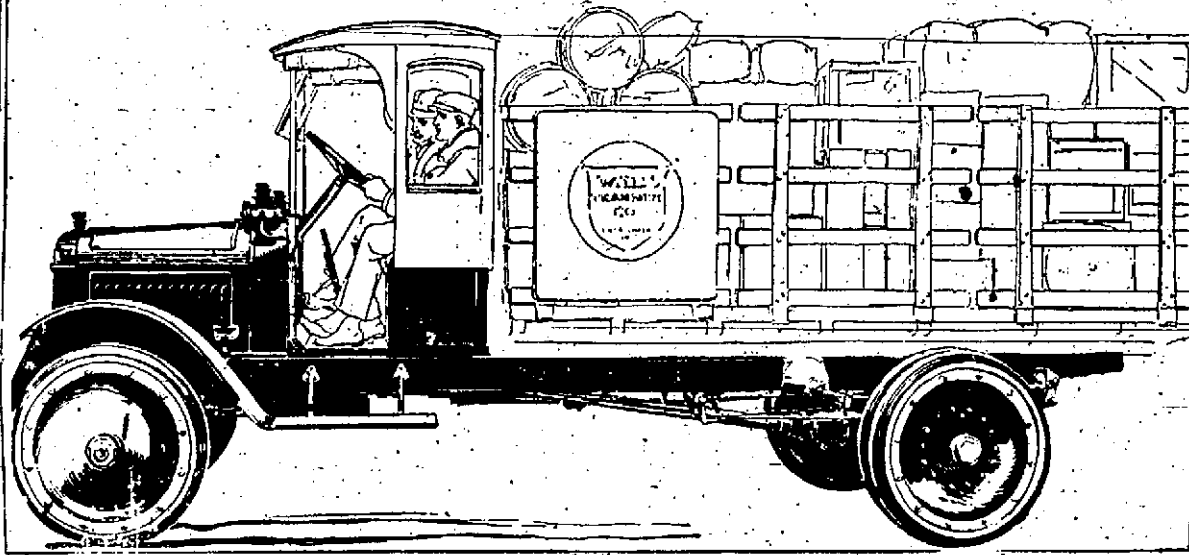
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Mr. Arthur Wilson went to Bradford one day last week to get Mrs. Wilson, who has been a patient in the hospital for a number of weeks. Her many friends are glad to hear of her being home once more.

Mrs. Leonard Webster was in Smethport Tuesday.

Clara Goodyear was taken to the Olean Hospital recently for an operation on one of her feet.

Mrs. Geo. Moody and mother Mrs. Ella Holmes were in Smethport Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Zetto Tyler and daughter, Florence, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey Hokansen of Alken.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Sparks and daughter, Ruth Parker, were guests of Mrs. Arthur Rice of Smethport Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Orson Stull of Smethport were Sunday guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Leete.

The Patriotic meeting which was held in Millers Hall was well attended. There was some good speakers here, also good singing and over \$2,000. Two thousand dollars was subscribed towards the 3rd Liberty Loan, "who says Coryville is asleep?"

Mrs. S. Perriot and children of Youngsville, Pa., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Washburn.

Mr. John Flummar, of Sergeant's was visiting friends here Tuesday.

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Attended Farewell Party—Epworth League Convention, Monday.

Mrs. Burdick and Miss Gladys De one day last week to get Mrs. Wilson, who has been a patient in the hospital for a number of weeks. Her many friends are glad to hear of her being home once more.

A large number of Crosby people went to Smethport Monday to see the soldier boys who Fred Bloomster was among the ones to go.

Miss Caroline Putnam formerly of Crosby is in the Bellville hospital very ill with pneumonia. Many hopes for a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Allen were Port Allegany visitors Sunday.

Mr. Frank and Raymond Grinolds were Port Allegany visitors the fore part of this week the former Mr. Grinolds is going to move here.

The following people autoed to Bloomster Hollow Saturday evening to attend the farewell party on Fred Bloomster who left for Camp Lee Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bloomster and family; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bloomster; Verna and Hazel Wilcox; Hattie Smith; Jessie Hendrickson; Raymond Gifford; Oscar Anderson and Harry Schlander all reported a pleasant evening. Fred was presented a wrist watch as a farewell gift.

A large number from this place attended the Liberty Loan Rally day at Smethport last week, which was a success from beginning to end.

Mrs. W. H. Gallup went to Bellville, N. Y., to see her cousin Caroline Putnam.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bloomster autoed to Marvendale Sunday.

Mrs. John Kilcoul and children and Mrs. Clara Wilcox autoed to Betula Sunday.

Mrs. Harry German and children returned from Duluth last Friday.

There will be an Epworth League convention held in Crosby Monday afternoon and evening, May 6th all are cordially invited to attend supper will be served at 6 o'clock.

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Nellie Smith visited the Lower Open Brook School one day last week. Mrs. Henry Gordon spent the week end in Port Allegany.

A number of people from here attended the patriotic meeting in Smethport Friday.

Mrs. Thos. Smith was calling on Mrs. Anna McKiernan Wednesday evening.

Link Freer is seriously ill at the home of Mrs. Charles Lacy.

ESTATE OF JOHN BLOOMSTER.

Late of Sergeant Township, McKean County, Pennsylvania, deceased.

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Frank W. Bloomster, and James H. Bloomster,

Executors, Crosby, McKean Co., Pa.

Or to their attorney JOHN N. APPLE, Smethport, Pa.

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